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NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields, fruit port—Sanitary conditions—Quarantine measures.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows:

Week ended April 7. Present officially estimated population, 2,800. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Very few mosquitoes. Those present are chiefly *Culex fatigans* and *Stegomyia calopus*. Unusual amount and frequency of rain.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 9	Dictator	New Orleans	19	6	None.

On account of reports received here of plague Bluefields, Cape Gracias à Dios, and San Juan del Norte (Greytown) have been ordered by the local governor, who is also intendente of the Atlantic coast, to quarantine against all vessels and passengers arriving either directly or indirectly from ports south of Nicaragua.

Vessels from Costa Rica are to be inspected by the local port physicians and detained 5 days in quarantine within the harbors. At the end of the said 5 days, if all on board are in good health, pratique will be granted.

Vessels and passengers from Panaman and South American ports and cities, with the exception of Bocas del Toro, will be denied admission and the vessels will be refused permission to anchor within the harbors, even under quarantine surveillance. All such vessels and passengers will be required to remain at sea during 9 days, which number of days is reckoned here as the incubation period of bubonic plague. Vessels and passengers from Bocas del Toro will be subjected to the same requirements imposed upon vessels from Costa Rica. Bocas del Toro and Limon, the governor informed me, are not considered infected and the 5 days' quarantine imposed against arrivals from these localities are simply precautionary, as it is feared passengers from infected localities farther south might reach here via the two last-named ports. No precautions against rats, mice, vermin, etc., are in contemplation, and disinfection of vessels and of passengers' and crews' effects is not intended.

PANAMA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows:

Week ended April 7. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Present officially estimated population, 4,954.